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HIGH PRICE OF MEATS.

SHOULD the government ever get around to the task of placing the responsibility for the present reign of high prices, the investigators should not overlook the glaring injustice of saddling the cost of production on the shoulders of the range cattle growers of the west. For years the forest reserve division of the interior department has been steadily and persistently crowding the range tenants to the wall until at present the open range is almost a memory of the past. The stockmen do not object to paying a reasonable compensation for the privileges they enjoy, but they would like to see some substantial advantage from the system of occupying the self arrogated government preserves which have been arbitrarily fixed and then turned over to an irresponsible group of officials to administer. The theory of these preserves is that by restricting the acreage to a limited number of cattle or sheep, the pasturage will be increased. This would work out all right were it not for the denudation of the ranges long before they were grabbed by the interior department. The public lands have been impoverished by long years of free and unrestricted feeding and the cattlemen were assured that they would have the benefit of a restoration of the feeding grounds through a reseeding of sections from which stock would be debarred except at certain seasons of the year, when the young grasses had a chance to gain vitality and show some sustaining strength. The government has collected head money every year and each succeeding year has seen the cost of grazing advanced without any corresponding gain for the stockmen. This increased charge does not arise from any enhancement of the land which remains in the same state in which it was left by a niggardly nature at the time the area was added to the forest reserves. This tax has grown into an onerous burden and one that is reflected in the cost of beef in the primary markets. The most rational way of reducing the cost of beef would be for the government to get busy by redeeming its promises to restore the ranges by reseeding them. A great deal of the money derived from the forest reserves has been diverted into reforestation of lands at the headwaters of small streams when it would have been much more profitable to the government to have brought about a permanent improvement of the range so that the stockmen would be able to multiply the number of head of stock to the section. This would be a material and direct gain. The stockmen would have some inducement to add to their herds by saving the baby beef and preserving the she stock with the hope of maturing their beef without having to round up the herds once a year to send them off to the feed lots where they can put on flesh and be rounded into shape for market. Adoption of this policy would bring direct results to the consumers, who would find the increases reflected in a superior quality of beef and mutton and a better grade of wool. The cattlemen are willing to pay for this service, but they do object to the present system that taxes them to the limit of endurance.

BULLFROG COMING BACK.

IN THE palmy days of 1905-07, when the Bullfrog country in the southern end of Nye county was the scene of a rush that compared favorably with the hosts of fortune seekers invading Tonopah and Goldfield right after the discovery of their mineral wealth, none of the new arrivals gave a thought to the possibility of that section ever attracting attention through its merits as a stock-raising district. Time has wrought wonderful changes in the lower end of this county. The prospector flourishes with the hope that some day he will enter into his reward by a discovery as valuable as ever shown in the annals of the Bullfrog and Rhyolite newspapers when the art preservative was represented by half a dozen live newspapers devoted to sounding the praises of the mineral wealth of that district. Nevertheless it is true that the feeding grounds of the southeast are steadily expanding and reaching out to the draws and valleys where there are strong indications of an underground flow. The stockmen of the southwest are coming in ever increasing numbers. Their herds have lapped over the boundaries of Arizona and the brands of these companies are seen as far north and west as 150 miles this side of Las Vegas. The lands that were passed over by the prospector as not worthy of notice, are now finding ready sale to the stock companies whose holdings are adding materially to the assessable wealth of Nye county. One company dominated by Denver capital is credited with the ownership of a ranch 30 miles long by 16 miles wide, and the records show that recently a ranch embracing 1200 acres passed into possession of this company, with over 1000 head of cattle. Such development forms an asset of considerable value, not alone to the people of Nye county, but to the public at large, which will be convinced that these huge transactions are not based on sentimental grounds. The time is fast approaching when electric energy will be available for this vast area between the Colorado river and the shimmering sands of the Amargosa, and when that day arrives, the settlers will harness the new agency and install pumps to bring their lands under complete subjection by pumping from the unfailling underflow of the region and turning the life-giving waters on the dry surface that abounds with phosphates and latent chemistry to render them everlastingly fertile with their five and six crops of alfalfa every year.

It may be said that onions are not losing any of their strength at 18 cents a pound.

Retirement of gold tokens by the United States must eventually mean a greater consumption of silver for a circulating medium.

The member of von Bernstorff's party with 200 pairs of pajamas must have been preparing for an everlasting sleep.

France has developed a perfect army by training men from the ranks to become officers. This suggestion does not meet with the approval of the West Pointers in our small army.

Utah spud growers are revelling in visions of wealth with potatoes selling in Salt Lake at \$5.50 per 100 pounds, or half a cent higher than the price in London.

The tax-dodging Southron is heard from again by an amendment to the emergency war tax which would exempt farming corporations from sharing their profits with the government. This bright idea came from a South Carolina gentleman.

Will Irwin, the war correspondent, says the war is nearing the end and soon it will be nothing more than a reminder of the worst disturbance in the world's history. Will has another guess coming, from all indications.

The grim shadow of war is quickening the market for cinabar properties, which are in shape, so far as Nevada is concerned, to furnish a large share of the quicksilver required for all military purposes. With \$175 a flask offered during the present week against \$100 last week, there is no doubt of the ability of local producers to come through.

The dearth of news from all fronts of the belligerents must not be taken as an indication of the intrusion of peace. The weather is the greatest obstacle to active hostilities but, during the interregnum, the armies are preparing for another round up that may be the final test of strength that will determine the end some time before the end of the year. Three months more and the war will have run its course of three years, the period fixed by Kitchener of Khartum for a settlement.

GAINS OF THE CHURCHES IN 1916 SHOW FORTY MILLIONS MEMBERS

Special to the Bonanza.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. — The churches of the United States have not suffered financially from the European war and the increased cost of living, nor has their ordinary rate of growth been reduced the past year. They have given freely toward the millions of money sent to the war-afflicted populations of Europe and Asia, and yet maintained their own regular work, evangelistic, missionary, benevolent and educational, with undiminished force. The Year Book of the federal council of the churches of Christ in America for 1917, edited by Dr. H. K. Carroll, gives full statistics, showing that the religious bodies, Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox, had in 1916 an aggregate of over 40,000,000 communicants or members, crossing the 40,000,000 mark by about 17,000. The net increase of the year was 747,000, or 204,000 more than the increase for 1915. In 1890 the total religious strength was 20,618,000, so that in 28 years following the net increase has been 19,382,000, or 94 per cent, while the gain in the population of the country for the same period has been about 29,000,000 or 61 per cent. The churches therefore gained faster than the population.

Of the gains in 1916 about 216,000 were of the Roman Catholic and some 500,000 of the Protestant bodies. Among the latter, 136,000 are credited to the Methodist, 132,000 to the Baptist and upward of 79,000 to the Presbyterian and Reformed group. The Episcopal church had a gain of 27,000 and the Lutheran bodies of 20,000.

The gain in 1916 in number of churches was small, only 117. In the previous year, however, there was a net loss. The smallness of the increase this year is due to decreases reported by several denominations and denominational

groups. The Disciples of Christ sustain an apparent loss of 769 caused by faulty method of counting in previous years; the Methodist Episcopal church loses 68; the Northern Baptists, 33; the Northern Presbyterians, 87; the Episcopalians, 7. These and other losses reduce the considerable gains of the Roman Catholics, 189; the United Brethren, 70; the Lutheran Synodical Conference, 105, etc. It is quite probable that churches, particularly in the rural regions, are being closed or merged for the sake of economy and efficiency.

The gain in ministers is 2643, which is nearly double that of 1915. The largest gain, 478, is reported by the Roman Catholic church; the Baptists added 365, the Lutherans 159, and other bodies smaller numbers. Returns for Sunday schools in the United States for 1916 show a much larger aggregate of Sunday school scholars than any previous report has given, and that the net increase in the last ten years is more than 6,300,000, with a gain of between 15,000 and 16,000 schools.

DEATH CALLS PIONEER WOMAN TO LAST REWARD

On last Thursday evening, while returning from a pleasant day spent with a neighbor, Mrs. Pierce was stricken and died suddenly when only a short distance from her home, says the Fallon Standard. The cause of death was due to heart failure. Her son started to meet his mother, thinking it about time for her to return, but, seeing her coming back to the house, and when she failed to appear a few minutes later, he went to find her and was shocked to discover his mother lying in the road dead near the spot where he had seen her walking only a few minutes before. The deceased was in her 78th year.

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